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REPORT AS OF 1700 HOURS LOCAL AUGUST 1

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1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESOVLE SEVERAL PROBLEMS WITH GOT OVER PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS BUT ONE MAJOR ISSUE REMAINS. C-9 MEDEVAC FLIGHT HELD UP FOR PAYMENT OF LANDING FEES WAS AFTER FURTHER REPRESENTATION FINALLY ALLOWED TO TAKE OFF USING FORMULA OUTLINED REFTEL AND TGS HAS COUNTERMANDED ORDERS OF TWO TURKISH BASE COMMANDERS WHO SOUGHT TO CUT OFF COMMUNICATIONS AND GAIN ACCESS TO CRYPTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL. WHILE WE HESITATE TO READ TOO MUCH INTO THE RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS, THEY ARE FURTHER INDICATIONS THAT LOCAL COMMANDERS HAVE, AS WE SUSPECTED, BEEN GIVING STRICTER INTERPRETATION TO THEIR INSTRUCTIONS THAN GOT HAD PLANNED. ON OTHER HAND, PROBLEM POSED BY TURKISH REQUEST FOR COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED. END SUMMARY

2. AT SINOP INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION STATION THE TURKISH BASE COMMANDER ON AUGUST 1 DIRECTED THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BE CLOSED AND THREATENED TO CUT OFF ITS POWER. TURKISH COMMANDER ALSO SOUGHT TO ACQUIRE KEYS FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, EMERGENCY AMMUNITION DEPOTS, AND ARMS ROOM. AFTER CHJUSMMAT HAD MADE STRONG REPRESENTATION TO TGS ON THIS INCIDENT, HE WAS TOLD BY TGS J-5 THAT TURKISH COMMANDER HAD MISUNDERSTOOD HIS ORDERS AND THAT ALL COMMANDERS WOULD BE NOTIFIED OF WHAT ACTIONS THEY COULD TAKE. WE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM U.S. BASE COMMANDER AT SINOP THAT TGS HAD CHASTISED TURKISH COMMANDER AND COUNTERMANDED HIS ORDERS.

3. IN SIMILAR INCIDENT AT BELBAS SEISMIC NUCLEAR DETECTION SITE TURKISH BASE COMMANDER CLAIMED THAT HE HAD RIGHT OF ACCESS TO ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIAL UP TO AND INCLUDING CRYPTO, SAYING THAT THIS WAS IN HIS ORDERS. AFTER CHJUSMMAT TOOK MATTER TO TGS, U.S. BASE COMMANDER REPORTED THAT TURKISH BASE COMMANDER HAD BEEN RELIEVED AND REPLACED.

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4. TURKISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES FINALLY PERMITTED C-9 MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT TO DEPART CIGLI AIRPORT AT 1401 HOURS LOCAL, AUGUST 1, BUT ONLY AFTER EMBASSY AGAIN MADE REPRESENTATION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY LATE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 30. EMBASSY INTERVENTION REQUIRED WHEN AUTHORITIES REVERSED EARLIER POSITION AND DEMANDED CASH IN DOLLARS RATHER THAN CHIT PAYMENT OF LANDING FEES.

ARRANGEMENT AS DESCRIBED PARA 1 REFTEL WAS
EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY TODAY (AUGUST 1) THAT
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS IS BEING ASKED TO ACCEPT
SIGNED CHITS FROM AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS IN FUTURE AND
THAT ACCUMULATIVE BILL WOULD BE SENT TO EMBASSY. THIS
OVERALL PROBLEM IS BEING ADDRESSED IN SEPTTEL.

5. PROBLEM OF TURKISH DEMAND FOR CIRCUITS AT ELMADAG
FORWARD SCATTER STATION IS AT STANDSTILL. TURKS STILL WANT
CIRCUITS, BUT U.S. PERSONNEL ARE FOOT DRAGGING ON WIRING
CIRCUITS, ALTHOUGH OSTENSIBLY WORKING ON THEM. JUSMMAT
HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL COMMUNICATIONS SITES THAT
IN EVENT TURKS REQUEST CIRCUITS, U.S. COMMANDER IS TO
ADVISE TURKISH COMMANDER TO SUBMIT REQUEST TO JUSMMAT
THROUGH TGS. PROBLEMS WOULD THEN BE WORKED OUT IN
JUSMMAT-TGS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (PARA 3 REFTEL).

6. AS OF NOW, ALL PORTS EXCEPT ISKENDERUN ARE OPEN AND
CARGO IS FLOWING. ALL CARGO AT
ISKENDERUN HAS BEEN
IMPOUNDED BY TURKISH CUSTOMS.
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